THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) A Task Force set up to evaluate the different modes of mass rapid transit for urban transport and to recommend one most suited to meet the growing needs of Delhi has submitted its report. A decision on the recommendations will be taken after examining the report in consultation with the Planning Commission and other concerned authorities.

Denial of Allotment of Old Ships for Ship-breaking for Calcutta

@1415 SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Metal Scrap Trade Corporation (MSTC) has issued guidelines on 13th April, 1988 whereby it has denied any further allotment of old ships for Calcutta for ship-breaking;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Calcutta Port Trust has decided not to spare any berth for ship-breaking;

(c) whether fourteen ship-breaking units of Calcutta would be out of business, 2000 direct workers and a large nmber of ancillary units workers would lose their jobs;

(d) if so, whether Government would reconsider the situation and advise MSTC and CPT to withdraw the said directives; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) MSTC's guidelines for allotment of old imported ships to ship breaking units for 1988-89 do not envisage supply of old imported ships to units registered at Calcutta. This policy is continuing since 1986-87.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Though supply of old imported ships to ship breaking units at Calcutta is not done, these units undertake breaking of Indian Flag Vessels and vessels sold by Port Trust and under Court Orders. Hence there is no question of ship breaking units at Calcutta going out of business or workers losing jobs.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

@Previously Unstarred Question 914, transferred from 3rd August, 1988.

वक्फ (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 1984

1416. **श्री मोर्जा इर्शादबेग :** क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री 28 अगस्त, 1987 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 4087 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वक्फ (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 1984 पर समिति का गठन कब किया गया तथा उसने अपना प्रतिवेदन कब प्रस्तुत किया ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (डा० राजेन्द्र कुमारी वाजपेयी) : वक्फ (संशोधित) अधिनियम, 1984 से संबद्ध समिति के गठन के संबंध में ऐसे कोई औपचारिक, आदेश जारी नहीं किये गये थे । फिर भी समिति की पहली बैठक 29 अक्तूबर, 1986 को हुई थी और समिति ने 22 फरवरी, 1987 को हुई अंतिम बैठक में अपनी सिफारिशों को अंतिम रूप दिया था ।

12.00 NOON

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the papers to be laid on the Table.

POLICE FIRING ON YOUTH CONGRESS WORKERS IN WEST BENGAL

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Sir, there was an indiscriminate firing in West Bengal yesterday. Two Youth Congress workers were shot dead. We demand a statement from the Home Minister. (*Interruptions*)